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Serial No. 09/740,216 Group Art Unit: 3711
Filed: December 18, 2000 Docket No. PA0513.ap.US
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- ☒ Request for Oral Hearing, Authorization for fee, *plus one copy*
- ☒ Copy of Decision to Petition to Make Special (Granted)
- ☒ Transmittal Sheet
- ☒ Return postcard

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**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING TO THE BOARD OF
PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant hereby requests an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from in the appeal of the above-identified application.

The fee for this Request for Oral Hearing is (37 CFR 1.17(d)) \$ 290.00.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and
the resulting fee is: \$ 145.00.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required,
or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.50-1391.

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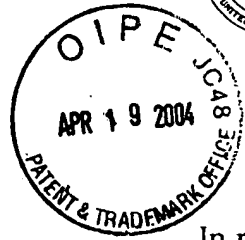
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In re Application of :
Roger M. Snow : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/740,216 :
Filed: December 18, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. PA0513.ap.US :

This is a decision on the petition filed on January 14, 2002 by which petitioner requests that this application be accorded special status for advanced examination out of turn.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner requests special status on the basis of the existence of an actual infringement. A review of the petition shows that it satisfies all of the requirements established in MPEP 708.02(II) for a petition on that grounds.

Accordingly, the examiner will treat this application as special throughout its prosecution. Prior to the first action on the merits, the examiner will conduct a rigorous search for potentially interfering applications. The interference search will be brought up to date prior to each successive action.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Patent Examiner of Patent Examining Art Unit 3711, who will forward the application to the examiner for action consistent with this Decision.

PETITION GRANTED.

Stephen Marcus, Special Program Examiner
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